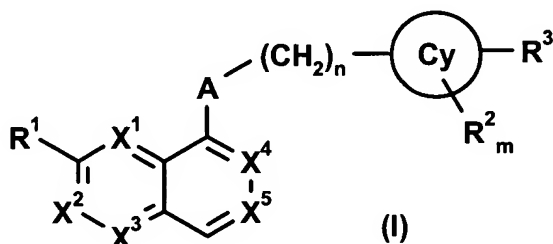


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A compound~~Compounds~~ of formula (I):



wherein

A is an oxygen or a sulphur atom, a NH, an alkylene, an alkenylene, an alkynylene or a heteroalkylene group,

X¹, X², X³, X⁴ and X⁵ are each independently of the others nitrogen atoms or groups of formula CH or CR⁴,

Cy is a cycloalkylene, a heterocycloalkylene, an arylene or a heteroarylene group,

R¹ is a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a hydroxy, an amino, a mercapto, an alkyl, a heteroalkyl, an alkyloxy, a heteroalkyloxy, a cycloalkyl, a heterocycloalkyl, an alkylcycloalkyl, a heteroalkylcycloalkyl, a cycloalkyloxy, an alkylcycloalkyloxy, a heterocycloalkyloxy or a heteroalkylcycloalkyloxy group,

the radicals R², each independently of any other(s), are a halogen atom, a hydroxy, an amino, a nitro or a mercapto group, an alkyl, an alkenyl, an alkynyl, a heteroalkyl, an aryl, a heteroaryl, a cycloalkyl, an alkylcycloalkyl, a heteroalkylcycloalkyl, a heterocycloalkyl, an aralkyl or a heteroaralkyl radical, or two of the radicals R² together form part of an aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl,

heterocycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, aralkyl or a heteroaralkyl ring system,

R³ is an alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, heteroalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, alkylcycloalkyl, heteroalkylcycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl radical,

R⁴ is a halogen atom, or a hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl group,

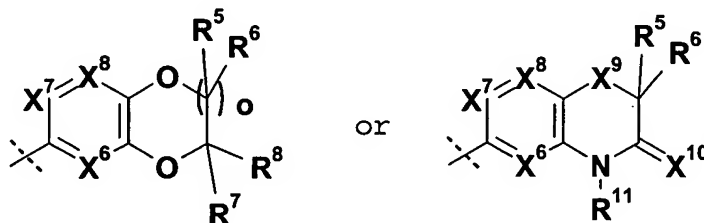
n is 0, 1 or 2, and

m is 0, 1 or 2,

or a pharmacologically acceptable salt, solvate, hydrate or a pharmacologically acceptable formulation thereof.

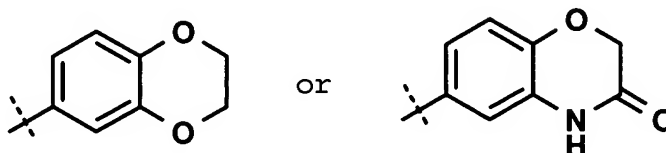
2. (Currently amended) A compound~~Compounds~~ according to claim 1, wherein A is an oxygen or a sulphur atom or a group of formula CH₂, CH₂CH₂, CH₂N(C₁-C₄-Alkyl), N(C₁-C₄-Alkyl)CH₂, CH₂O, OCH₂, CH₂S, SCH₂, CH₂CH(OH), CH(OH), CH(OH)CH₂, NHCO, CONH, C(=O)CH₂ or CH₂C(=O).
3. (Currently amended) A compound~~Compounds~~ according to claim 1-~~or~~ 2, wherein three, four or five of the groups X¹, X², X³, X⁴ and X⁵ are CH groups.
4. (Currently amended) A compound~~Compounds~~ according to claim 1~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein R¹ is a C₁-C₄alkyloxy or a C₁-C₄heteroalkyloxy group, wherein one or more hydrogen atoms of such groups may have been replaced by fluorine atoms.
5. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds according to any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein R¹ is a methoxy group.

6. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
 according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein R^2 is a hydroxy, a C_1 - C_4 alkyl, a
 C_1 - C_4 heteroalkyl or a C_6 - C_{12} heteroaralkyl group.
7. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
 according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein R^3 is a heteroalkylcycloalkyl or a
 heteroaralkyl group.
8. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
 according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein R^3 is a group of formula $-B-Y$,
 wherein B is an alkylene, an alkenylene, an alkynylene or a heteroalkylene group
 and Y is an aryl, a heteroaryl, an aralkyl, a heteroaralkyl, a cycloalkyl, a hetero-
 cycloalkyl, an alkylcycloalkyl or a heteroalkylcycloalkyl group.
9. (Currently amended) A compound~~Compounds~~ according to claim 8,
 wherein Y has one of the following structures,

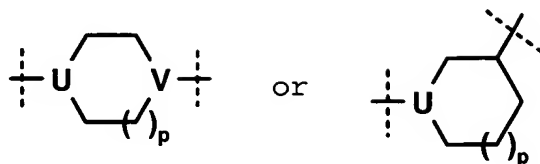


wherein X^6 , X^7 and X^8 are each independently of the others nitrogen atoms or groups of formula CR^9 , X^9 and X^{10} are each independently of the others oxygen or sulphur atoms or groups of formula NR^{10} , o is 0, 1 or 2, R^5 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 and R^9 are each independently of the others hydrogen atoms, halogen atoms, hydroxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl groups and R^{10} and R^{11} are each independently of the others hydrogen atoms, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or heteroalkyl groups.

10. (Currently amended) A compound~~Compounds~~ according to claim 8,
wherein Y has one of the following structures:



11. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~, wherein the linker $-A-(CH_2)_n-$ has a chain
length of 2 or 3 atoms.
12. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~, wherein R^4 is a fluorine or a chlorine
atom or a C_1 - C_4 alkyloxy or a C_3 - C_6 dialkylaminomethyl group wherein one or
more hydrogen atoms of such groups may have been replaced by fluorine
atoms.
13. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, wherein Cy is a cycloalkylene or a
heterocycloalkylene group containing one or two rings and 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10
ring atoms.
14. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1~~Compounds~~
according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 12~~, wherein Cy has one of the following
structures:



wherein U is a nitrogen atom or a group of formulas CH or COH and V is a nitrogen atom or a CH group and p is 0 or 1.

15. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition ~~Pharmaceutical compositions that comprises~~ comprise a compound according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 14~~ as active ingredient and, optionally, carrier substances and/or adjuvants.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (New) A method of treating a subject suffering from or susceptible to a bacterial infection comprising administering to the subject a compound of claim 1.